

RD-29,447

Appl. S.N. 09/683,321
Amdt. Dated March 15, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 15, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004 wherein claims 1-11 were allowed and claims 12-16 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (b) as being anticipated by Giger (US 5,133,020). In this amendment, claims 12-16 were canceled. No new matter has been added.

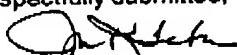
Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-16 have been canceled and therefore the rejection of Claims 12-16 under 35 USC §102 (b) on Giger has been obviated.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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